

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 28, 2004.

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. By the present Amendment, claims 1, 4 and 7 have been amended. It is submitted that no new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised by the present Amendment.

Claims 1, 4 and 7 were objected to for formal reasons. In response, claims 1, 4 and 7 have been amended to correct the informalities. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 4 and 7 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-39 of U.S. Patent 6,560,593. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is being submitted herewith. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

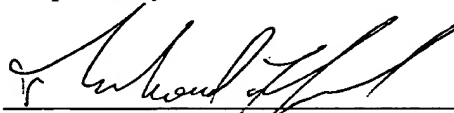
The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a petition for an additional extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard F. Jaworski', written over a horizontal line.

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